

the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for National Fuel to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-529-000]

#### Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Application to Abandon Facilities

May 29, 1997.

Take notice that on May 19, 1997, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) filed an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Sections 157.7 and 157.18 of the Commission's Regulations, requesting permission and approval to abandon, by sale to Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch), its interest in certain pipeline facilities with appurtenances, in offshore Louisiana, all as more fully set forth in this request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Natural requests permission and approval to abandon, by sale to Koch, Natural's fifty percent (50%) ownership interest in 2.3 miles of 16-inch pipeline lateral running from South Pass 78 to South Pass 77 in offshore Louisiana, which includes one dual 10-inch meter, a riser and appurtenances located South Pass Block 78 and a 16-inch subsea tap and appurtenances located in South Pass Block 77.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said request should on or before June 19,

1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 and 385.211) the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in an subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that the request should be granted. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Natural to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. OA97-237-000, ER97-1079-000, and EC97-35-000]

#### New England Power Pool; Notice of Filing

May 29, 1997.

Take notice that on May 1, 1997, the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) Executive Committee submitted a mitigation proposal in support of market rules for inclusion with the materials previously submitted on behalf of NEPOOL in the captioned dockets.

The NEPOOL Executive Committee states that copies of these materials were sent to the official service list in the

captioned dockets, the New England Power Pool.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before June 10, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ES97-34-000]

#### Valley Electric Association, Inc.; Notice of Application

May 29, 1997.

Take notice that on May 22, 1997, Valley Electric Association, Inc. (Valley) filed an application, under § 204 of the Federal Power Act, seeking authorization to issue debt under a line of credit issued by the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) in the amount of \$15 million. Funds drawn under the line of credit will be used for daily operational purposes and for the initial stages of a construction project. Valley also advised the Commission of borrowings that it had made without authorization under § 204 and requested that the Commission take no action with respect to such borrowings.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426 in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before June 10, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the